INVITATION TO BID

FROM:

THE OWNER:

Branch Intermediate School District 370 Morse Street Coldwater, Michigan 49036

AND THE ARCHITECT:

Tower Pinkster Titus Associates 242 E Kalamazoo Avenue, Suite 200 Kalamazoo Michigan 49007

TO: INVITED BIDDERS

Branch Intermediate School District is seeking sealed bids for the chiller replacement project of a facility located at 366 Morse Street, Coldwater, Michigan for the following project:

Branch Area Careers Center Chiller Replacement Project.

BIDS ARE DUE on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Branch Intermediate School District will receive sealed proposals for the above project at the Branch Intermediate School District, Administration Building, 370 Morse Street, Coldwater, MI 49036, Attention: Tonia Vorce, Administrative Assistant, until the stipulated bid due date and time. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and read aloud at a public meeting to be convened at 2:05 p.m. on February 19, 2009 in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 370 Morse Street, Coldwater, MI 49036. Bids must be clearly marked with the project name.

Project Description: The work consists of chiller replacement and cooling tower repairs.

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Branch Intermediate School District at 370 Morse Street, Coldwater, MI 49036. Phone (517) 279-5731. Email <u>vorcet@branch-isd.org</u>.

It is requested that the bidders return the bidding documents in good condition within ten working days after the bid opening date.

Vendors must visit the site. To arrange a site visit to inspect the area, please contact Dale Parshall at (517) 617-2300 or Roger Broughman at (517) 227-1121, Monday through Friday.

Bid documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Branch Intermediate School District 370 Morse Street Coldwater MI 49036

Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc. 242 E. Kalamazoo Avenue, Suite 200 Kalamazoo MI 49007

As required by State Law (P.A. 232 of 2004), all bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized disclosing any familial relationship that exists between Branch Intermediate School District or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board or the superintendent of the school district. Bids that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement will not be accepted.

Bidders will be required to provide Bid Security in the form of a surety bond, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. As required by law, both performance and payment bonds will be required if the construction contract exceeds \$50,000.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after submission.

The Branch Intermediate School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, alternates, or proposals, and to accept those bids, alternates, or proposals that, in its judgment, serve its best interests.